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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Have the powers of the Director of Medical Services to order the transfer of employees within a period of three years been since withdrawn? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already said that the powers of the Director of Medical Services to transfer employees of the Medical Department within a period of three years have not been withdrawn."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is now 9-15 a.m. Hon. Ministers may read the answers to the remaining questions. No hon. Member need put any supplementary questions."

Malabar Harijan Welfare Committee.

* 1106 *Q.*—SRI O. KORAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of members in the Malabar District Harijan Welfare Committee; and

(*b*) whether there is any Harijan M.L.A. in the Committee?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Eight non-officials besides a few officials.

" (*b*) None of the non-officials is now an M.L.A. The reorganization of the Committee is under consideration."

Nagavalli and Vamsadhara Projects.

* 1107 *Q.*—SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state at what stage the investigation of the Nagavalli and Vamsadhara Projects is?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The investigation of the Nagavalli Project for the excavation of a right bank channel from above the Thotapalli regulator across the Nagavalli river has been completed and the plans and estimates are under scrutiny by the Engineers. The investigation of the Vamsadhara Project has been started in January 1953 and is now in progress."

Panchayat Board libraries in Coimbatore district.

* 1108 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Panchayat Boards in the Coimbatore district maintain public libraries;

(*b*) how many Panchayat Boards receive library grants from the Government;

(*c*) how many Panchayat Boards levy and collect library cess; and

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(d) whether the Government propose to take steps to direct the opening and maintenance of panchayat libraries with the aid of Government grants in all the Panchayat Boards that levy library cess?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Forty-six.

" (b) Thirty-five.

" (c) Twenty-seven.

" (d) A proposal as mentioned in this clause is under examination."

Completion of " Mudaliar channel " in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 1109 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the ryots in Karur and Kulithalai taluks have been making periodical representations to the Government requesting them to complete the " Mudaliar channel " and whether the ryots have even offered to pay the entire cost of such completion in ten equal annual payments; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have investigated the matter and taken steps in the matter?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) Representations were received from the Ryots of Vangal and Kuppichipalayam villages of Karur taluk in this regard but there was no offer to pay the entire cost of the work in any of them.

" (b) The scheme has been deferred for the present by the Government."

Thiruvadi anicut, South Arcot district.

* 1110 Q.—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the total ayacut under Thiruvadi anicut, South Arcot district;

(b) the number of acres uncultivated in that area; and

(c) the number of acres irrigated by oil engine and electric pumpsets in that area?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Acres 5,782.

" (b) Acres 768.

" (c) Acres 995."